"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Farmers report excellent spring hay yields. The first three weeks of April had no rainfall and there was concern that there may be another short hay crop. The feed situation has become critical with two years of reduced hay yeilds. Appomattox Farmers on April 1 probably had their lowest feed inventory in memory.

Orchard grass hay now being cut should receive 50 pounds of N per acre. This will help maximize hay yields of this important crop.

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Last week Mountain Laurel was in its finest burst of color - travel north on Route 26, turn on Route 664 and 605. It was worth the trip. See Appomattox County next year.

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Association is sponsoring a promotional trip to Indiana July 30- August 4. Cost of food and loding is estimated at $110. Interested cattlemen should contact me as soon as possible.

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Officers of Appomattox Dairymen Association meeting last week set July 8 as the date for the summer picnic. This year the group will meet at the Richard and R. M. Harris farm.

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Calls have been frequent on how to control ants in the lawn. Treat the ant hills rather than treating the entire lawn. There are several insecticides that will do the job - Sevin, diazinon, malathion and dursban.

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Some homeowners with major sod webworm problems are already planning spray programs. Dursban is probably the best choice of all the insecticides. Using a water hose with attached sprayer is probably the best way to apply rapid growth of young shoots, avoid cultivation and pruning that encourage excessive growth. Water sprouts or suckers should be removed often.

There are no immune varieties of apples, but we do know that Jonathon, Yellow Transparent, Wealthy, York, Rome Beauty and Transcendent Crabapple are highly susceptable to fire flight. Pears can be the source of infection to apples. Badly diseased pear trees should be destroyed.

Two to four sprayings with streptomycin sulfate while the tree is in bloom is the most effective spray.

Pruning is probably the key to control. Any diseased part should be removed. Make the cut 4 to 6 inches below the point of visible infection. Pruning equipment should be dipped in a sanitizing solution between each cut. This is done to sterilize and prevent transfer of the disease. A sanitizing and prevent transfer of the disease. A sanitizing solution can be made by using 70% denatured alcohol or solution of household bleach (mix 1 part bleach and 1 part water).

If a large canker area is removed, paint the exposed area with either of the sanitizing solutions described above. After the site dries, the exposed wood should be painted with a Bordeaux oil paint made by stirring raw linseed oil in any of the commercial Bordeaux powders. If this material is not available, paint with a good tree wound dressing.

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1. Worker collects parasitized cereal leaf beetle larvae on oats at Shenandoah Valley Research Station. 2. Adult cereal leaf beetle. 3. Parasitic wasp deposits eggs in cereal leaf beetle larva. 4. Another species of wasp parasite deposits eggs in cereal leaf beetle larva. 5. Parasitic wasp deposits her eggs on eggs of cereal leaf beetle.

Cereal Leaf Beetle - A Destructive Pest

The fight against the cereal leaf beetle--a destructive pest of small grain-- got underway May 31 in Appomattox County.

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce and U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) held a "field day" to distribute and release cereal leaf beetle parasites in designated grain fields.

During the early morning hours on May 31, entomologists with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) gathered parasitized cereal leaf beetle larvae at an "insectory" or grain field at the Shenandoah Valley Research Station at Steeles Tavern. The "bugs" were collected in specially designed containers, loaded into a small aircraft and, then, flown to Farmville Municipal Airport.

Immediately following the delivery in Farmville, J. A. Smith, Appomattox Extension Agent, carried them to pre-selected grain fields. These fields have been picked because cereal leaf beetle populations are dense enough to warrant release of the parasites as a bio-control measure. Three fields were selected during April with the cooperation of individual farm owners. Cooperating farmers in Appomattox County are: E. N. Harvey, Evergreen; W. E. Bondurant, Jr., Stonewall; and C. D. and Clark Lewis, Oakville.

Cereal leaf beetle parasites are tiny wasps imported from Europe which do not sting. The wasps have been field-raised and are harmless to everything except the cereal leaf beetle. The wasps attack beetle larvae by laying their own eggs inside the host. When the parasites eggs hatch, the young wasps eat their way out--destroying the cereal leaf beetle larvae in the process.

Both adults are larvae of the cereal leaf beetle parasite program indicates a growing interest in biological control methods by federal, state and local agriculture officials.

"Although pesticides have been successful in controlling the cereal leaf beetle," Smith said, "Repeated spraying puts the cost of control too high for economic production of oats. Therefore, the use of parasites as a control measure appears to be the most practical and feasible method for long-term control."

Where the parasite has been established for several years, the control program has proven to be an effective means of controlling the cereal leaf beetle. In some areas of the United States, parasites along have accounted for at least 70 percent of cereal leaf beetle mortality.

"Patchwork Festival" Set For June 10-11

The North Wind Will Blow and We Shall Have Snow . . . And Won't This Quilt Feel Warm!

This Log Cabin design quilt, being displayed (left to right) Mildred Alvis, Katie Martin, Reba Bruce, Ethel Evans and Ellen O'Brien, was made by the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers, and will be given away at 5 p.m. on June 10th, the first day of a two-day quilt show, "Patchwork Festival."

The winning ticket will be drawn from the names of all those who have made a $1.00 donation. See any member of the Extension Homemakers to make your donation and be eligible to win.

Make plans now to attend the Patchwork Festival at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria June 10th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on June 11th form 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

VA Questions And Answers

Editor's Note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - Is waiver of premiums on VA insurance available for total disability occurring after the insured's 65th birthday?

A – For policies with the prefix V, H, RS, W, J, JR or RH, the total disability must commence before the 65th birthday, continue for six or more consecutive months, and while the insurance is in force under the premium paying conditions. World War I insurance policies (prefix K) have a special total disability provision which permits premium waiver at any age, and also pays a specified monthly income per $1000 of coverage if the insured so elects.

Q – I understand I can have my widow's pension check from VA sent directly to my bank under the direct deposit system. How can I arrange this?

A – Make application to your bank or financial institution which will assist you in completing the necessary forms and forward them to VA. It is important that the applicant have a VA file number, benefit check or some VA correspondence concerning benefits when making application.

Q – I am a World War II veteran who has never used any GI home loan benefits. Am I still eligible?

A – This benefit is available without time limits on its use for veterans of World War II and later periods.

LAIR NAMED USED CAR MANAGER

Bill Burke, right above, Sales Manager at Lawson Ford, Inc., is shown congratulating Pat Lair, left, on being named Used Car Manager at Lawson Ford.

Lair, who has lived in the Pamplin area since 1959, has been employed at Lawson since 1969 as salesman. His promotion to Used Car Manager became effective May 10, 1978.

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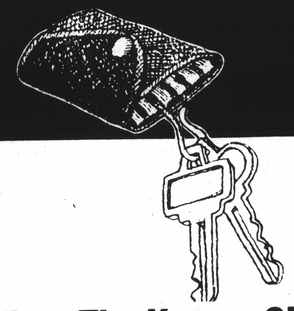

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MR. AND MRS. DAVID J. LOVEDAY
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Marriage Is Announced

The marriage of Miss Kathryn Dianne Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David O. Jennings of Charlotte Court House, Virginia, to Mr. David James Loveday, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Loveday of Pamplin, Virginia, was solemnized Friday, May 19, 1978, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. C. Miller, Jr., pastor of Salem and Glenn Memorial Baptist Churches, performed the double ring ceremony. A program of nuptial music was presented by Miss Lisa Bryant of Cullen, Virginia.

The bride wore a gown of white polyester with a round neckline. The empire bodice had vertical panels of lace extending into an A-line skirt with detachable chapel length train, both of which featured appliques of alencon lace, sequins, and pearls. The gown was adorned by a finger tip veil of illusion.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Jennings, sister of the bride, was Maid-of-Honor. She wore a full length dress of green whipped cream polyester and carried a long stemmed yellow rose. Miss Roberta Dean Jennings, sister of the bride, was the other bridesmaid. She wore a yellow dress identical to the Maid-of-Honor's dress and also carried a long stemmed yellow rose.

James J. Loveday was his son's best man. Danny Lee Loveday and Dale Robert Loveday, brothers of the groom, of Pamplin, served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was given by the bride's parents in the social hall of the church. Mrs. Vincentine Y. Cooper of Cullen, served the cake which was made by Dr. Maria C. Silveira of Farmville. Mrs. Nancy Dodd of Charlotte Court House and Mrs. Judy O'Brien, aunt of the bride, assisted at the punch bowl.

Miss Martin Weds Mr. Price

The marriage of Miss Ruth Poe Martin, daughter of Ms. Annie P. Poe of Jetersville and the late William L. Poe, to William Eugene Price, son of Mrs. Anna Balwin of Farmville and the late Russell Charles Price, took place on Thursday, June 1st, 1978.

A Justice of the Peace in Appomattox County officiated at the double ring ceremony.

APPOMATTOX SENIOR FFA BEST OVERALL

The Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter has been judged area winner of the 1978 FFA Chapter Contest. In selecting the area winner, the committee considered the accomplishments of thirty-three local chapters in the fourteen-county area.

The Appomattox Chapter has 235 active members. In cooperation with the Appomattox Junior FFa Chapter, an outstanding Building Our American Communities program was carried out. The chapter worked with eleven school and community organizations in BOAC and safety activities.

The chapter raised nearly $20,000 through fund-raising activities to finance its program. Members participated in a community service project to help needy families at Christmastime.

PAULETTE REUNION

The families of the late Phillip O. Paulette and Carrie H. Paulette met on Sunday, June 4th for a family reunion.

Sons, daughters, their husbands, wives, children and grandchildren met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette of Route 1, Appomattox, the farm home in which Mr. and Mrs. Paulette reared their children. A total of fifty-six were present for the occasion.

Out of town family members included: Mrs. Mary Iva Le Page, Mr. and Mrs. Phil LePage and daughter Emily of Jefferson City, Missouri; Mrs. Carolyn P. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Turner and children of Danville, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Paulette and Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Paulette and daughter, Sophia of Halifax, Virginia, Mrs. Sue Bishop and son, Joe of Richmond, Mrs. Kay Evans and children of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and daughter Jennifer of Blacksburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burke and children of Lynchburg.

An abundance of good food and fellowship made it a day to remember!

The chapter cooperated with other agencies in fire prevention, production of food for wildlife and reforestation. Members exhibited nearly 400 items in local, regional, and state fairs.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Joseph Torrence of Route 1, Spout Spring have announced the birth of a son, Jonathan Eric, born Tuesday, May 16, 1978 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carter Martin of Appomattox and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elwood Torrence of Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton C. Mann of Appomattox are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Tammi Lynn, born May 21st at 11:57 a.m. at Virginia Baptist Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 21½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Padgett of Concord. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mann of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann are also the parents of another daughter, Angela, age 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Garrett have announced the arrival of Melissa Dawn Garrett, born May 19, 1978. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. They are the proud parents of another daughter, Cassindy Marion Garrett, age 9.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Garrett of Appomattox and paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Irvin C. Moses.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beasley and the late Mr. Courtney H. Wooten.

Mrs. Teddy Garrett is the former Marion Delores Wooten.

Area Students Receive Degrees

A record number of 1,462 students were awarded degrees from James Madison University recently.

Bachelor's degrees were received by 1,307 students and master's degrees by 155. The total number in the gradusting class was slightly higher than the previous record of 1,414 set last year.

Degree recipients from here included Michael S. Gallier of Route 2, Appomattox, who received his BS degree; and Rita G. Inge of Route 2, Appomattox, who received her BA degree.

WOW PLANS ANNUAL PICNIC

The Woodmen of the World annual picnic will be held Sunday, June 11th, at the WOW building.

Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. All ladies are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

Students Named To JMU's Dean's List

The Dean's List at James Madison University for the spring semester of the 1977-78 academic year has been announced.

From Appomattox, Warren K. Coleman, of Route 2, Richard M. Ferguson of the Town of Appomattox, Rita G. Inge of Route 2, Emmitt W. Paulette of Route 1, and Deborah L. White of Route 1, have all been named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for the honor of being placed on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale and carry a course load of at least 14 hours.

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell, and Donna; and Sheryl Martin spent Memorial Day week end camping at Staunton River Park. Calvin Mitchell joined them for part of the time.

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Bob Martin, a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital for the past two weeks, is expected to return home this week.

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Mrs. Rosa Mae Abbitt is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital where she is receiving treatment.

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Miss Ruth Newlon of South Hill was a week end guest of Miss Pat Hudson.

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Frank Thomas is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital

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Mrs. Mary Newcomb, Miss Arlene Sandifer and Miss Emma Johnson of Lynchburg were dinner guest on Sunday of Mrs. S. J. Evans.

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Mrs. Daisy Palmer was a patient a week in Lynchburg General Hospital. She is home now.

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Floyd O. Palmer of Richmond, VA spent a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palmer, Mrs. Ellen Haythe of Lynchburg and Jack spent Sunday with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palmer.

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MRS. TIMOTHY WAYNE GENTRY
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WED IN EVENING CEREMONY

The marriage of Miss Carolyn Virginia Herndon to Timothy Wayne Gentry took place Saturday evening at half after 7 o'clock on the lawn of "Charmos", the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Webster Babcock, aunt and uncle of the bride, in Appomattox.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson Herndon, Jr., of Brookneal, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wingate Gentry of Booneville, North Carolina.

The Reverend Emmett Diggs, minister of Brookneal United Methodist Church, performed the double-ring ceremony before an altar of natural greens and spring flowers.

A program of wedding music was presented by Miss Lauren Shutt, soloist, who sang "The Wedding Song" and "The Wedding Prayer", accompanied by Freddie Mitchell on guitar.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father. She wore a sheer crepe A-line gown with attached Chapel length train. Chantilly lace formed the yoke and the cap sleeves. Brussels type lace ruffled the high neckline and encircled the hemline of the skirt and train topped with scalloped chantilly lace. White satin ribbon sashed the Empire waistline with a back bow and streamers. Her veil was elbow length of tiered hand rolled illusion attached to a circle of orange blossoms accented in the back with narrow satin streamers tied in love knots. She carried a family prayer-book centered with a gardenia, surrounded by stephanotis.

Mrs. Lester Calvin Payne of Danville, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a floor-length pink gown of polyester knit fashioned with a cowl neckline and Empire waistline accented whit a front narrow band with streamers tying in the center back atop a flowing pleated skirt. She carried a French bouquet of majestic daisies.

Bridesmaids were Miss Johnnie Lynn Gentry of Booneville, North Carolina, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. William Robertson Herndon III, sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Virginia Godwin Lusardi, cousin of the bride; Mrs. William Linwood Inge, Jr.; Mrs. Reginald Lester Smith; Miss Elizabeth Anne Snell, all of Brookneal; and Miss Katherine Ann Dodson of Altavista, Virginia. They wore gowns identical to that worn by the honor attendant. Junior bridesmaid was Miss Traci Ann Paulette of Appomattox, cousin of the bride. She wore a white floor-length gown accented with an eyelet ruffled neckline and a deep ruffled skirt.

Flower girl was Miss Carolyn Michelle Colbert of Brookneal, cousin of the bride. She wore a dress identical to that worn by the junior bridesmaid and carried a basket of flower petals. Clifford Jason Payne of Danville, nephew of the bride, and Bruce Harmon Paulette, III, of Appomattox, cousin of the bride, were ring bearers.

William Wingate Gentry was his son's best man. Vincent Joseph Lusardi, Sr., of Brookneal was head usher. Ushers were William Robertson Herndon, III of Brookneal, brother of the bride; Lester Calvin Payne, brother-in-law of the bride; Richard Lamona; William Whitney, and Harry Whitt, all of Danville; and Lawrence Whitney, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained with a reception at the Falling River Country Club in Appomattox.

The bride is a graduate of William Campbell High School and Averett College. The bridegroom is a graduate of George Washington High School and attended Danville Community College. He is presently employed by Yeargin Construction Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

After a wedding trip to Hot Springs, the couple will reside in Danville, Virginia.

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Wed In Afternoon Ceremony

Colonel and Mrs. Malcolm W. Pettet of Hampton, Va., announce the marriage of their daughter, Gail Pettet Lewis, to Mr. William Donald Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Booker Jones of Appomattox.

Rev. Paul Balthaser of Appomattox, presided at the double ring ceremony which took place on Saturday, May 27, at 2:00 in the afternoon on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson Wooldridge of Rt. 1, Appomattox.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a long gown of white lawn accented with blue flowers; she wore a white ribbon in her hair and carried a bouquet of mixed garden flowers.

Mrs. Diane S. Shafter of Appomattox, matron-of-honor, wore a long pink gown and carried pink sweetheart roses.

Cary Dillon of Bedford was best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Wooldridge were hosts for a reception honoring members of the wedding party and guests.

Mrs. Thomas H. Conrad of Appomattox, presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Manford R. Groves, of Hampton, sister of the bride, served the wedding cake.

Following a trip to Virginia Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Jones are making their home in Appomattox.